

## LUBAN SENTENCED IN MAIL BOX PLOT

'Baff-Informer' Sent to Atlanta Prison for 12 Year Period.

GUILTY ON 17 COUNTS

Was Also Prominent in Rosenthal Case and Earned a Pardon.

Jacob Luban, widely known in police and court circles as an informer in connection with the trials growing out of the Rosenthal and Baff murders, was found guilty last night by a jury in the United States District Court of a charge of conspiring to pilfer mail letter boxes of several downtown business firms. He was sentenced to serve twelve years in the Atlanta penitentiary by Judge John C. Knox. Paul Martin, who was being tried on the same charge with Luban but who withdrew his plea of not guilty Friday and entered a plea of guilty, was sentenced to six years.

The jury deliberated one hour and found Luban guilty of all the seventeen counts in the indictment. It was the second trial for Luban, the first resulting in a disagreement. Adolph G. Wittner, who was indicted with Luban and Martin and charged with the same offense, pleaded guilty. During the second trial he testified for the Government against the other two prisoners. While testifying Wittner also implicated Morris Luban, brother of Jacob, in the theft of the letters. Morris was arrested as the result of this testimony and held in \$20,000 bail. He will be tried next week.

Among the witnesses summoned yesterday to testify in the rebuttal for the prosecution was Arthur Sager, who was prosecuting attorney in St. Louis in 1905. He testified that Luban had pleaded guilty in 1905 in St. Louis to forgery and was sentenced to several months in the Workhouse. Luban denied this testimony, saying it was his brother who had been sentenced.

For his services as witness for the State in the trials which followed the Rosenthal and Baff murders Luban obtained a pardon from Gov. Whitman after he had been sentenced to Sing Sing for twenty years in 1915 for forgery.

**DERRICK SNAPS, FALLS  
24 STORIES TO STREET**

**Pedestrians and Workmen in W. 36th St. Barely Escape.**

Scores of persons escaped death by inches at noon yesterday when a steel derrick about to be dismantled on the roof of the twenty-four story building under construction at Seventh avenue and West Thirty-sixth street fell apart and plunged toward the street in three pieces. One section, a 1,000 pound base, crashed into West Thirty-sixth street, ripping the pavement for thirty feet and showering pedestrians with broken rock and bits of steel. Half the big steel boom smashed through the roof of the building at 218 West Thirty-seventh street, while the mast fell to the sixteenth floor and became wedged among the girders. A broken guy rope caused the accident.

Only four persons, all members of the crew in charge of the derrick, were hurt. Two, T. C. Lane of 129 West Sixty-third street, and William Thompson of 54 West 125th street, were at the crown of the derrick when the accident occurred and suffered fractured bones and cuts when they slid to the roof. R. O. Hall of 434 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, and Peter Kleinknecht of 42 Summer avenue, Newark, suffered bruises and lacerations.

More than one hundred iron workers were at work in the unfinished building when the mast came crashing down among them. Some were farred from their places on steel girders and saved themselves from death by leaping to more secure points. The broken section that struck the building at 218 West Thirty-sixth street fell into a storage warehouse at that address, smashing furniture worth \$10,000, according to William Birnes, the owner.

**ARMY HEADS "GREEKS."**  
The twelfth annual meeting of the Interfraternity Conference closed yesterday at the University Club with the election of Don R. Almy, an attorney of 46 Cedar street, as chairman. Mr. Almy is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Forty-six national college fraternities were represented at the conference.



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## HYLAN FAILS TO USE METHOD ADVISED

Way Still Open for Forcing Hearing on Electricity Rates.

Though Mayor Hylan has instructed the Corporation Counsel to take court action, and has conferred with Gov. Smith about means of heading off the new increases in the rates for electricity, he has not so far availed himself of one of the three simple methods which James B. Walker, secretary of the Public Service Commission, says are provided in the law.

That method is for the Mayor merely to file a complaint with the commission. That would bring on a public hearing which would compel the electric companies to prove that their rates are justified. The same end could be achieved, Mr. Walker said, through the filing of complaints to the Board of Aldermen by one hundred users of electric current.

John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, said that papers probably would be ready this week asking a court to direct the New York Edison and other electric companies to appear in a public hearing before the Public Service Commission.

**SMOKERS WIN BUS VOTE.**  
But "Top Siders" Must Occupy the Rear Seats.

The referendum on smoking taken among "top side" passengers of the Fifth Avenue buses was all in favor of smoking. President John A. Ritchie of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company announced yesterday, provided that the smokers sit on the rear seats.

The result of the vote and some of the comments have been embodied in a booklet which is being distributed to bus riders. The verdict was unanimous, said Mr. Ritchie, that there should be no smoking inside the buses.

## BOY, 15, ARRESTED FOR STEALING \$4,300

Elliott Michner Captured Here as He Was Buying Ticket for San Francisco.

HE POSED AS A STUDENT

Fled With Baldwin Locomotive Co.'s Funds—More Than \$3,000 Recovered.

Elliott Michner, 15 years old, presented himself at a ticket window in the Pennsylvania station yesterday afternoon and asked for a ticket to San Francisco. He was told it would cost \$134. He handed over a \$100 bill and a \$30. While he was waiting for his change Detective Spencer of the Pennsylvania Railroad police was called.

The boy was well dressed and spoke in a modulated voice. His manners indicated good breeding. There was a mourning band on the sleeve of his overcoat. "My name is Bohnsack," he told the detective. "I am a student at Bordentown Military Academy and I am going home. My father is dead."

"Sorry," said Detective Spencer, "but you look to me like a chap that's wanted in Philadelphia."

Michner was searched, and his baggage and his room at the Pennsylvania Hotel examined. The detective then charged him with being a fugitive from justice, and wired to Philadelphia that the paymaster's clerk of the Baldwin Locomotive Company, who on November 26 fled with a patent leather bag containing

\$4,300 had been caught. The detective said Michner had a check for a patent leather bag, which contained more than \$3,000. The bag had been left at the parcel room in the Pennsylvania Station. Michner had earned \$8 a week as a clerk, and it appeared from the confession the detective said he made that he had not wasted the money. He had bought a coat, two suits, a \$87 travelling bag and had travelled to Chicago and back.

Returning from Chicago, according to the detective, he had gone to Philadelphia with the intention of refunding the money, but after remaining at the Bellevue-Stratford for a few days decided to enjoy it while it lasted.

**SAYS HUSBAND KEPT  
YOUNG GIRL IN HOME**  
Mrs. Euphrosine A. Rey Now Sues for Separation.

Germaine Lesquilbet, who is alleged to be "almost young enough to be the defendant's granddaughter," is mentioned by Mrs. Euphrosine A. Rey as one of the causes for her separation from Emile Rey, alleged to have an income of \$40,000 a year.

Rey was served with the summons and complaint in his residence, 7 West Thirty-sixth street. His wife, in her Supreme Court complaint, declares her husband brought Miss Lesquilbet into their home and insisted on her living there.

"The defendant threatened to throw the plaintiff out of her home if she didn't permit the said Germaine Lesquilbet to remain there, and when she refused to suffer the humiliation of the girl's presence longer defendant refused and neglected to come home regularly, but was frequently with the said Germaine Lesquilbet in restaurants."

Mrs. Rey says her husband went to Paris early in the year and was followed there by Miss Lesquilbet. Mrs. Rey also asserts that her husband insulted her by writing a letter making false charges against her. She estimates that her husband has property worth from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000.

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Handsome Cape.....\$2800  
(Natural Dark Eastern Skins)

Short Day Coat.....\$1395  
(32 inch length)

**SQUIRREL**

Handsome Day Wrap.....\$850  
(45 inch length, choice dark skins)

Short Day Coats.....\$800  
(36 inch length, dark natural blue grey skins)

**HUDSON SEAL**

Stunning Day Wraps.....\$975  
(Extra choice quality skins)

Handsome Wrap Coats.....\$795  
(Beaver and Skunk trimmed)

Smart New Capes.....\$650

Smart Day Wraps.....\$550  
(45 inch length, soft rich skins)

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Attractive Wrap.....\$595  
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Black Russian Pony Coat.....\$195  
(Hudson seal collar and cuffs)

Natural Russian Pony Coat.....\$295  
(Dark grey squirrel collar and cuffs)

Leopard and Hudson Seal Sport Coat.....\$275

Short Grey Squirrel Coatee.....\$395

Short Taupe Nutria Coatee.....\$395

**RUSSIAN SABLE**

Dark Natural Single Skin Scarfs.....\$375  
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Single Skin Scarfs.....\$35

Double Skin Scarfs.....\$75

Natural Eastern Mink Scarfs.....\$38  
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(single skin effects)

Natural Fitch Scarfs.....\$25  
(double skin effects)

Natural Stone Marten Scarf.....\$375  
(eight skin effect)

Long Krimmer Stole.....\$195

Long Scotch Mole Stole.....\$175

Long Summer Ermine Stole.....\$485

